

Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, line 5, of the Specification, please insert the following section:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. National Phase entry of PCT/EP2003/012184, filed October 31, 2003, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. DE 10250808.9, filed October 31, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference.

At page 6, lines 12 – 16, please insert the following replacement paragraph:

Therefore, ~~the process of the invention is~~ certain embodiments of the invention are characterized in that said process comprises at least one of the steps (ii) and (iii):

- (ii) separation of metal halide,
- (iii) drying.